

Claim Amendments:

A listing of the claims, including Claim 1, 13, 19 and 22 as currently amended, and Claims 24-27, 34, 35, 41, 72 and 119-123 as currently canceled, is set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated cDNA molecule of a mammalian ELF3 gene, wherein said cDNA molecule consists of ~~comprises~~ an ELF3 cDNA sequence and one or more of intron 4, intron 5, intron 6, intron 7 and intron 8 ~~at least one intron~~ of the ELF3 gene, wherein the ELF3 gene consists of a contiguous sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:10, ~~and wherein said intron is selected from the group consisting of intron 4, intron 5, intron 6, intron 7 and intron 8.~~

2. (Previously Presented) The cDNA molecule of claim 1, wherein the intron is selected from the group consisting of intron 4, intron 5, intron 6 and intron 7.

3-12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended). The cDNA molecule of claim 1, wherein the cDNA molecule also comprises at least a contiguous portion of SEQ ID NO:13.

14-15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously Presented) The cDNA molecule of claim 1, comprising SEQ ID NO:11.

17-18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended) The cDNA molecule of claim 1, wherein the cDNA molecule comprises intron 7 or a contiguous portion thereof.

20. (Previously Presented) The cDNA molecule of claim 1, wherein the cDNA molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:15.

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) The cDNA molecule of claim 1, wherein the cDNA molecule comprises introns 4, 5, and 6, and a contiguous portion of intron 7.

23-123. (Canceled).